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Dear Leader

## **SUPPORTING LOCAL PUBS THIS SUMMER**

It's now less than a week to go until England kicks off against Croatia. This World Cup is a moment for the entire country to come together and back them. No more squabbles about who's in and out of the squad. Put aside memories of Oyarzabal in the 86th minute.

The best World Cup moments are the ones we watch together. For every England game we need to pack out our local pubs and get them buzzing. Just imagine the scenes in beer gardens across the country if we end up with Mexico in the Round-of-16, or Brazil in the Quarter-Finals.

We've already announced extensions to licensing hours, and now we need local authorities to play their part. You'll know that pubs can apply to you for 'Temporary Event Notices' to extend their hours and put on special events. I am asking you to support as many of these as you can, and to deal with them quickly – especially for ones in beer gardens. The last thing any of us want to see is people being turfed in doors half-way through penalties.

I know you will be doing everything you can and that you'll need to balance other factors when you make these decisions. The vast majority of licensing authorities do an excellent job and we know you will allow for as many notices as you can, so thank you in advance for your support. If it appears authorities are unnecessarily blocking people from getting together or holding things up, I will want to know why. We want to do everything we can to make sure people across the country can come together to support England and enjoy the tournament.

Let's get behind England and get behind our pubs. This time, it really could be coming home.

In Tuchel we trust.

Yours sincerely,

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